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## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

## **Emergency Preparedness: Before and After September 11, 2001**

When it comes to our nation's emergency preparedness, everything has changed since Sept. 11, from public expectations and emergency response training to new technologies to improve response to terrorism.

Scott M. Solomon, director, Hazardous Materials Training, International Association of Firefighters, will speak on "Emergency Preparedness: Emergency Response Before and After 9/11" at a colloquium at 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, at NASA Langley's H.J.E. Reid Conference Center.

Media Briefing: A media briefing will be held at 1:15 p.m. at the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center, 14 Langley Blvd., at NASA Langley Research Center. Members of the media who wish to attend should contact Kimberly W. Land at (757) 864-9885 for credentials.

Solomon will describe the nation's emergency preparedness capabilities before and after the tragic events of Sept. 11. His talk will answer key questions that include: How has training for emergency response changed as a result of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001? How can we address public expectations and best prepare for the future?

In addition to keynote speeches, advocacy articles and political presentations, Solomon has testified at more than two dozen congressional hearings and federal panels. He is certified in all levels of hazardous materials emergency response and has authored or co-authored 17 texts addressing health and safety.

Solomon has a bachelor's degree and master's degrees in science and business administration from West Virginia University.